



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Daniel R. Loughmiller (as amended)

Serial No.: 10/622,907

Filed: July 17, 2003

For: METHOD FOR CONTACT PAD ISOLATION  
(as amended)

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§ Group Art Unit: 2819  
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§ Examiner: Don P. Le  
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§ Atty. Docket: 96-1092.03  
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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY DATED AUGUST 13, 2004

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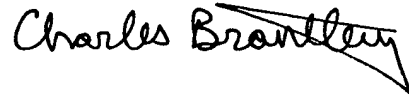
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Dear Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Notice of Allowability dated August 13, 2004. Applicant notes that the Examiner's reasons for allowance invoke language similar to that found in independent claim 47. Regarding the Examiner's reference to a "step" of "inserting one transistor," Applicant notes that claim 47 expresses an act of inserting *at least one* transistor. Independent claim 50 also expresses an act of inserting at least one transistor. Independent claim 53 does not express such an act. Applicant contends that the pending claims are allowable based on the limitations expressed therein.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Brantley II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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